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May 15, 1939.

OFFICE VISITORS

Mr. Ervin J. Utz, Head of the Land Utilization Section, Soil Conservation Service, accompanied by his assistant, Mr. Grest, was in the office on Tuesday to discuss the remission of fees in the Malad area, Idaho, and the determination of proper grazing fees in areas which are managed under cooperative resettlement agreements.

Ben Rice, Assistant Regional Forester, Region No. 4, with headquarters at Ogden, Utah, called at the office on Wednesday to see Messrs. Rutledge, Falck, and Ryan.

Camp Superintendent Earl Dunlop of Camp DG-39, Tularosa, New Mexico, was in the office on Thursday. Superintendent Dunlop is on his vacation and stopped off in Washington en route to New York to see the World's Fair.

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CIRCULAR 123

Circular W-123 setting forth the procedure to be followed in the expenditure of the 50 per cent fund was signed by Secretary Ickes on May 11.

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Chief Clerk Dotson circularized the following announcement on May 10:

"The Department of the Interior, in co-operation with LIFE Magazine and the National Broadcasting Company, is arranging an unusual event which will be of interest to all employees of the Department, in connection with the issuance of the new master map of the United States by the General Land Office.

"On June 2, LIFE will devote an entire issue to a pictorial history of the Nation's past, and an inventory of its resources of today, based on the new map.

"On Sunday, June 4 at 3:00 p.m., E.S.T., the National Broadcasting Company will present on its Red Network, a special one hour show which will recreate by radio, the Nation's past and present.

"These events are planned to be highlights in the history of publications and radio respectively.

"Not only will all employees of the Department be interested, but it is hoped that every effort will be made to use all facilities at your disposal to let the general public know of this."

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According to a recent press release, the Office of Education, Department of the Interior, in co-operation with the Columbia Broadcasting System will produce a weekly coast-to-coast radio series interpreting and supplementing the Federal exhibits at the New York World's Fair. Beginning May 14, the series will be on the air every Sunday at 2:00 to 2:30 p.m., E.D.S.T., over the Columbia Broadcasting System and affiliated stations. The program of the series scheduled for June 11, "Strength from the Land" (Conservation) will no doubt be of interest to employees of this Division.

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ARRIVALS

C. K. Caron and James R. Kenny arrived in Washington this week for conferences with members of the Washington staff.

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COUNTING ANTELOPE BY AIRPLANE

Counting antelope on the Federal range by use of airplane is an innovation in grazing district management in Wyoming. In co-operation with the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission; the Riverton, Wyoming, Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America; and grazing district advisory boards, the Division of Grazing, represented by District Grazier Vaughn made a count of about 5,000 antelope in Wyoming Districts Nos. 2 and 3 in a 2-day flight. The census group included six men, the pilot, a movie cameraman, and four men to count and record. According to Regional Grazier Burback, this has proved to be the most reliable method of determining the number of wild life grazing in the districts, and the number for which a sufficient carrying capacity of Federal range in grazing districts must be reserved.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Regional Grazier Burback submitted recently a valuable historical record of events concerning the activities of the Division in Region

No. 10, Wyoming. The record consists of a scrapbook of interesting clippings dating from the establishment of the regional office at Rawlins in 1936. Each clipping is identified by date line and the newspaper from which it was taken. Mention of this record is made here as a palm to the donor and a prayer to eight likeable young (7) men.

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CONFERENCES

Messrs. Kerr, Greenslet, Brooks, Martineau, Agee, and Perry represented the Division of Grazing at the conference on the economic range survey of northeastern Nevada held in Elko on April 20, 21, and 22. The first two days were devoted to a discussion of the results of the work done to date and of plans for completion of the study, for the benefit of personnel of co-operating agencies. The third day was a meeting open to the public and was for the purpose of explaining the project to ranchers and others who were interested.

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Mr. Greenslet represented the Division of Grazing at the Fifth Pacific Northwest Regional Planning Conference at Seattle, Washington, on April 27. The major conference theme was "Migration and the Development of Economic Opportunities in the Pacific Northwest." At the meeting on "Economic Opportunity in Grazing", the speaker was P. M. Brandt, Head, Division of Animal Husbandry, Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon. The panel for discussion of this subject included Mr. Greenslet.

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TRANSFER OF LANDS

By Presidential Proclamation nearly 400,000 acres of land, mainly privately owned, were transferred from Utah No. 1 to the Cache National Forest. The lands lie within a watershed forming a part of the national forest and can best be administered in connection with such national forest. The transfer was made under authority of section 13 of the Taylor Grazing Act.

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GLEANINGS FROM THE TWELFTH ENROLLMENT PERIOD REPORTS: REGION NO. 4

There were nine camps in operation, three of which delayed occupancy during the period until November 15. One hundred and ten miles of truck trails were constructed and 853 miles of truck trails maintained. The interiors of grazing districts in this Region are generally remote from travelled roads and it is essential in the improvement

program and the management of the Federal range to develop roads that are passable for trucks thus opening up new country for grazing use and making accessible for enrollee work localities that could not otherwise be developed.

Nine proficiency certificates were issued to enrollees who were honorably discharged from the Division's camps in Oregon to be employed in private enterprises. Salaries ranged from \$75 to \$135 per month. A total of 16 boys were discharged from the camps to accept gainful employment at the close of the twelfth enrollment period.

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A TRIBUTE TO GRASS

Next in importance to the divine profusion of water, light, and air, those three physical facts which render existence possible, may be reckoned the universal beneficence of grass. Lying in the sunshine among the buttercups and dandelions of May, scarcely higher in intelligence than those minute tenants of the mimic wilderness, our earliest recollections are of grass; when the fitful fever is ended, and the foolish wrangle of the market and the forum is closed, grass heals over the scar which our descent into the bosom of the earth has caused, and the carpet of the infant becomes the blanket of the dead. Grass is the forgiveness of Nature--her constant benediction. Fields trampled with battle, saturated with blood, torn with the ruts of cannon, grow green again with grass, and carnage is forgotten. Streets abandoned by traffic become grass grown, like rural lanes, and are obliterated. Forests decay, harvests perish, flowers vanish, but grass is immortal. Beleagured by the sullen hosts of winter, it withdraws into the impregnable fortress of its subterranean vitality and emerges upon the solicitation of spring. Sown by the winds; by wandering birds, propagated by the subtle horticulture of the elements, which are its ministers and servants; it softens the rude outlines of the world. It invades the solitude of deserts, climbs the inaccessible slopes and pinnacles of mountains and modifies the history, character, and destiny of nations. Unobtrusive and patient, it has immortal vigor and aggression. Banished from the thoroughfare and fields it bides its time to return and when vigilance is relaxed or the dynasty has perished, it silently resumes the throne from which it has been expelled but which it never abdicates. It bears no blazonery of bloom to charm the senses with fragrance or splendor, but its homely hue is more enchanting than the lily or the rose. It yields no fruit in earth or air, yet should its harvest fail for a single year, famine would depopulate the world.--J. J. Ingalls.

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FRANKIE AND JOHNNIE

C. F. Moore (Frankie) and John Ray Painter (Johnnie) made a flying trip to New York one evening during the week.

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